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Amendments to the Abstract

Please **replace** the Abstract as currently set out with the following **rewritten** abstract

ABSTRACT

--   A method for building routing tables at the level of bridges interconnecting busses.   The bridges are comprised of two portals, each one being connected to a different bus.   Routing information is exchanged and concatenated between portals of the same bridge and then exchanged and concatenated between portals of the same bus in an iterative way until stability is reached.   The invention also provides a portal adapted to implement the method.--